

IN RECOGNITION OF PEARL ROAD
AUTO PARTS AND WRECKING

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Pearl Road Auto Parts and Wrecking of the Old Brooklyn neighborhood of Cleveland, Ohio, as they become the first business ever in the City of Cleveland to implement wind technology by constructing a wind turbine at their place of business. Pearl Road Auto Parts and Wrecking, owned by the Kaplan family for four generations, will generate nearly 100% of the electricity needed to run their business from a wind turbine. I also rise in honor of Susan Spear and the entire staff of EcoWatch Ohio, who collaborated with the Kaplans to make this project become a reality.

The wind turbine will be set upon a 140-foot tower, capturing the north coast drafts high above Pearl Road near Interstate 480. For years, current owners Myron Kaplan, and his sons, Jon and Kevin, worked toward realizing their vision of constructing a wind turbine on the property. Their innovative ideas are part of the legacy of the Kaplan business and for nearly eighty years, the owners of Pearl Road Auto Parts and Wrecking have been leaders in implementing environmentally progressive practices, including solid waste reduction, fuel reduction and other recycling programs.

Moreover, the Kaplan family of Pearl Road Auto Parts and Wrecking is active in community programs and events, and has reflected an unwavering commitment to the betterment of the Old Brooklyn neighborhood. As leaders in community arts as well, from 1980 to 1990, residents gathered free of charge at the Auto Parts lot as Kaplan family hosted live theater, musical and poetry performances.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the Kaplan family, the entire staff of Pearl Road Auto Parts and Wrecking, and EcoWatch Ohio, for their collective vision and persistence in being the first ever to construct a wind turbine to run a business, inspiring others to follow in their path. Whether catching gentle breezes or gale force winds rushing south across Lake Erie, the wind turbine holds the promise of clean power, renewable resources and endless possibilities in alternative energy programs and job development throughout our community and our nation.

WEBCASTER SETTLEMENT ACT OF
2009

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2009

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank Chairman Conyers and my colleagues on the Judiciary Committee for reporting the Webcaster Settlement Act of 2009, a bill I introduced to clear the path for private negotiations to determine the royalty rates for the use of music over Internet radio.

The Copyright Royalty Board (CRB) is a government body tasked with determining roy-

alty rates for the use of music over Internet radio. In 2004, the CRB was tasked with determining a rate structure at the direction of Congress, and released its decision in March of 2007. The rate structure determined by the CRB substantially increased royalty fees that webcasters would be forced to pay.

Since the CRB is authorized to set and establish a royalty rate structure, stakeholders need Congressional authority to forge an agreement that the government would adopt. H.R. 2344 provides that critical authority, and allows private groups 30 days from enactment to work out a settlement amongst themselves to replace the rate structure established by the government.

Webcasters and copyright holders, including those in Washington State, like Washington's 101, WebRadioPugetSound, WildMixRadio Network.com, and Hollow Earth Radio need this legislation so they have the freedom to negotiate and craft a fair royalty rate structure for all impacted parties. Currently, Internet radio pays 47% of its annual revenue in royalty fees, a rate that will eventually crush the industry.

An estimated 42 million people tune to Internet radio on a weekly basis. Internet radio offers consumers not only entertainment value, but it serves niche markets and allows access to independent labels and artists, diversifying programming. Webcasters in Washington State allow small, local, Northwest bands an opportunity to have their music heard across the country. This bill will allow small webcasters serving those markets to continue to compete and be an outlet for minority voices.

I urge my colleagues to consider this important bill, and to help keep the music playing online.

IN HONOR OF THE SURVIVORS
AND VICTIMS OF THE PONTIAN
GENOCIDE

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2009

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the survivors and victims of the Pontian Genocide of 1915–1923. On May 19 we remember the treacherous actions of those who murdered hundreds of thousands of Pontian Hellenes and destroyed their communities, and we remember the survivors and the fallen.

Nearly a century ago, there were large communities of Hellenes living across the Ottoman Empire. In a few short years, these communities were destroyed, and hundreds of thousands of lives were taken at the order of the Ottoman government. Hellenic Pontians had lived along the southeastern coast of the Black Sea in what is now northern Turkey for more than three millennia. The perfidious decision to destroy these peaceful communities resulted from the fear that foreign populations under Ottoman rule would join with their mother countries and destroy a crumbling empire.

During a bloody eight year reign of terror, the Ottoman government orchestrated the killing or displacement of hundreds of thousands of Greeks, Armenians and Assyrians who had been living in the Pontus region. Thousands of

people were murdered outright. The rest were uprooted and forcibly marched across the Anatolian border, without food or other provisions, to the Syrian border. Mass rapes and abductions of women and children also occurred. More than half of the Pontian population perished from violence, starvation or disease.

Roughly 400,000 Pontians refugees survived the onslaught and fled to Greece, Russia, and the United States. Despite the huge number of people who died or were displaced, most of the world paid no attention to their suffering. The fact that so many people could be murdered or removed from their homes without facing any consequences empowered future genocidal regimes to take similar actions.

One of the greatest tragedies of genocide is that the aggressors often succeed in eliminating the memory of those who fled. Few Americans today know about the Pontian Genocide. We have an obligation to honor the memory of those who died and teach our children about those dreadful times in hope that they will never be repeated. On May 19th, 2009, on the annual day of remembrance, members of the Pan-Pontian Federation will pay solemn homage to the victims. Although the genocide almost caused the extinction of the Pontian people, their traditions and culture still resonate today.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Pan-Pontian Federation as they honor the sacrifices and memory of their noble ancestors. I commend the Pan-Pontian Federation in their efforts to preserve Greek culture and history. May the victims of the Pontian Genocide rest in peace.

IN MEMORY OF JUDGE JIM
HUDSON

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 18, 2009

Mr. ROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Jim Hudson of Texarkana, Arkansas, who passed away on May 3, 2009, at the much too early age of 56. As a man of faith, a devoted husband and father, and a committed statesman, his life and legacy is an example to us all.

As a circuit judge for the 8th judicial district south serving Miller and Lafayette Counties since 1991 and as a former prosecuting attorney, Jim was one of the most fair-minded and selfless people I have had the pleasure to know. Arkansas lost a true public servant with Jim's passing and he will be deeply missed.

I knew Jim my entire adult life and was proud to call him my friend. His steadfast commitment to justice and his devotion to his community made Jim a person many of us looked up to and respected, as we witnessed Jim help countless individuals and families throughout his career in public service. He was so respected in his profession that both Arkansas's U.S. Senators Blanche Lincoln and Mark Pryor recently selected Jim as a possible nominee to fill a U.S. district judge's position in the Western District of Arkansas, a position for which he would have been perfectly suited.

Jim's cheerful personality was contagious and he was liked by all he encountered. In